Notification dated 17th August 1903.

Tenders are invited for the felling and removal of Casuarina fuel in the undermentioned plantations.

All tenders should be superscribed "Casuarina fuel" and should detail the rates per ton (stacked cubic feet 68) the tenderer is willing to pay to Government for billets 3″ and over in diameter and between 1½″ and 3″ in diameter.

Such tenders should reach the District Forest Officer by post duly insured not later than the end of the current month and will be opened by him in the presence of any of the tenderers who would care to be present at the time on or about the 5th proximo.

Rupees 200 in currency notes in full should be enclosed in every tender as earnest money; and except in the case of the successful tenderer, this money if received will be returned to others without unnecessary delay. The District Forest Officer will be at liberty to accept any of the tenders :—

Serial number.	Name of plantation.	Approximate quantity of dry Casuarina fuel available.
1	Pandithanahalli	500 tons.
2	Dasarahalli	
3	Gollahalli and Mallasandra	
4	Ballapur and Linganahalli	
5	Adagur	
6	Channasettihalli	
7	Honnavalli	
8	Nitgunta	
9	Ammangatta	
10	Goryipura	
11	Uddihoskere	
12	Ankapur	
13	Marasettihalli	
14	Harenahalli	

Conditions.

The successful contractor will be required to execute a bond on stamped paper to act up to the conditions noted below within one week from the date of acceptance of his tender, and the Rs. 200 will be deposited in favor of the District Forest Officer as earnest money for the due fulfilment of the agreement in Government Savings Bank :—

(*a*) The trees for felling will be previously marked by the Ranger and the felling undertaken compartment by compartment in a methodical manner.

(*b*) No axe should be used for felling but the trees sawn off as near to the ground as possible, and the fuel billets will be sawn to the required lengths, not exceeding three feet in length.

(*c*) The fuel will be carefully assorted and stacked separately on compartment lines or places approved by the District Forest Officer. The stacks should be rectangular in shape and built of such dimension that the cubic contents thereof is 68 c. ft. or its multiple.

(*d*) The contractor is bound to remove at the accepted rates all fuel pieces over 1½″ in thickness, and smaller sized fuel will also be sold to him if required at annas 8 a cart-load or retained for local consumption.

(*e*) Payments must be made for all wood before removal at the accepted rates, and all wood will be covered by passports issued by the Range officer before its removal from the plantation.

(*f*) No fuel should be carted out between sunset and sunrise.

(*g*) The contractor, while working out this contract, should not purchase Casuarina from adjoining private owner or work his own plantations, if any, close to the Government plantations.

(*h*) All felling and carting should be completed within six months from the date on which he draws up the abovementioned agreement.

(*i*) Great care should be taken to prevent any injury to sandal or any other surrounding trees while felling the marked-out Casuarina. Any injury caused to the surrounding growth willingly or negligently by the contractor or his men, will render the contractor liable to pay up such damage as may be decided upon by the District Forest Officer.

(*j*) Under no circumstances should fire be lit in the plantations.

(*k*) The contractor should report to the Range officer from time to time the number of waggon loads of fuel he removes by rail, the place of their destination and the weight of the waggon loads.

(*l*) The breaking of any of these conditions on the part of the contractor or his men will lead to the forfeiture of the earnest money and cancelment of the contract under Section 34 of the Forest Regulation, XI of 1900, and all wood paid for but unremoved will lapse to Government.

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